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OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION IN TAMIL NAIDU
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of oil and gas exploration with installed and actual capacity in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of exploration plans on the anvil in Tamil Nadu;

(c) the quantum of oil and the volume of gas calculated to be available in the State; and

(d) the proposals of the Government for future explorations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) Exploration work for oil and gas in the State of Tamil Nadu is being pursued by the Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC) with the deployment of three seismic survey parties and six drilling rigs. The above activities are supported by `state of the art` technology, skilled human resources and objective based Research & Development backup from various Institutes of ONGC.

(b) ONGC has planned to acquire 300 Ground Line Kilometre(GLK) of 2D seismic data and 2650 GLK of 3D seismic data as also to drill 25 exploratory wells during the year 2001-2002 in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(c) The quantum of ultimate reserves of oil (including condensate) and gas volume available in the State of Tamil Nadu as on 1.4.2001 is estimated to be 9.90 Million Metric Tonnes and 23.01 Billion Cubic Metres respectively.

(d) ONGC has planned to continue exploration work for oil and gas in the State of Tamil Nadu during the X Plan Period (2002-07)